

REMARKS

Claims 9-16 are pending in the present application. Claims 13-16 are withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. The Office Action and cited references have been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Abstract was objected to because it allegedly included legal terminology. Amendments have been made to the Abstract to address this concern. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The patent number has been withdrawn from the claim. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Jorneus (U.S. Patent No. 5,741,267) in view of Yeung Wai Ping (U.S. Patent Application No. 2006/0111724) in view of Meller (U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0210229). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Yeung Wai Ping was filed on June 29, 2005, and published on May 25, 2006. However, the present application was filed on April 27, 2007, as a national stage application for a PCT application filed on February 5, 2004. Applicant hereby perfects its claim for priority by filing herewith a verified English language translation of the International application upon which the present application is based. Accordingly, Yeung Wai Ping is removed as a reference. Without that reference, this rejection is overcome. Withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

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In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections of record. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

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